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1. TRANSMITTED HERewith IS A SUGGESTED TEXT FOR THE TOAST
BY SECRETARY VANCE IN RESPONSE TO A TOAST BY THE PRESIDENT OF
THE HUNGARIAN PARLIAMENT AT OFFICIAL DINNER, JANUARY 6.

2. BEGIN TEXT MR. PRESIDENT, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN: LET ME
SAY FIRST, MR. PRESIDENT, TNHT I GREATLY APPRECIATE
YOUR KIND WORDS OF WELCOME AND YOUR CONSTRUCTIVE THOUGHTS ON
AMERICAN-HUNGARIAN RELATIONS. THANK YOU AND EVERYONE HERE
FOR THE WARM RECEPTION ACCORDED MY DELEGATION AND ME.

3. TODAY IS AN INSTANT IN THE LONG HISTORY OF THE HUNGARIAN
PEOPLE AND JUST A MOMENT IN THE HISTORY OF THE CROWN OF
ST. STEPHEN. YET, IT IS ALSO A DAY WHICH I AM SURE WILL LONG
BE REMEMBERED. FEW TIMES SINCE THE 11TH CENTURY HAS THE
CROWN LEFT HUNGARIAN SOIL. EACH TIME IT HAS COME BACK TO
REPRESENT THE SOVEREIGNTY, COURAGE, STRUGGLES, SENSE OF
COMMUNITY AND LOVE OF FREEDOM OF THE HUNGARIAN PEOPLE.

4. THE HISTORY OF TIES BETWEEN HUNGARY AND THE UNITED
STATES DATES BACK TO THE VISIT OF LAJOS KOSSUTH (LIE-OSH
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KOSH-SHOOT) TO AMERICA IN 1851. KOSSUTH WAS MOVED BY THE
COMMON SPIRIT OF FREEDOM WHCIH ANIMATED AMERICANS AND
HUNGARIANS ALIKE.

5. IT WAS DURING THE YEARS OF KOSSUTH THAT HUNGARIAN
EMIGRATION TO THE UNITED STATES BEGAN IN EARNEST. THIS
EMIGRATION, WHICH HAS PROVIDED AMERICA WITH DISTINGUISHED

INVENTORS, SCIENTISTS, MUSICIANS AND OTHER MEN OF VISION
AND CULTURE, HAS CONTINUED INTO THIS CENTURY. IT IS A
PILLAR OF STRENGTH OF MY COUNTRY.

6. NEW FAMILIES, AS WELL AS FAMILIES WHICH HAVE LIVED
IN THE UNITED STATES FOR GENERATIONS, PRIZE THEIR HUNGARIAN
HERITAGE. DISTINGUISHED HUNGARIAN-AMERICANS ARE IN THE
DELEGATION WHICH NOW HAS RETURNED THE CROWN OF ST. STEPHEN
TO HUNGARY. THEY AND OTHERS LIKE THEM ARE A BRIDGE BETWEEN
OUR TWO NATIONS.

7. THE RETURN OF THE CROWN HAS BEEN MADE POSSIBLY BY THE
IMPROVEMENT IN OUR RELATIONS, IN THE CULTURAL, ECONOMIC,
CONSULAR SPHERES, AS WELL AS IN THE FIELD OF POLITICAL
CONTACTS. IT HAS TAKEN PLACE NOT ONLY GOVERNMENT-TO-GOVERNMENT,
BUT, MORE IMPRESSIVELY, PEOPLE-TO-PEOPLE.

8. THE IMPROVEMENT IN OUR RELATIONS DOES NOT MEAN THAT
OUR TWO COUNTRIES APPROVE OR DISAPPROVE OF EACH OTHER'S
ECONOMIC, POLITICAL OR SOCIAL SYSTEMS. RATHER, IT
SHOWS THAT WE HAVE A MUTUAL DESIRE TO ENHANCE OUR COLLABORATION IN
FIELDS WHERE WE DO AGREE: THAT WE SEEK TO UNDERSTAND
EACH OTHER AND TO FOSTER THE EXCHANGES WHICH BREED SUCH
UNDERSTANDING: AND, ABOVE ALL, THAT WE WILL STRIVE TOGETHER
TO PROMOTE THE CAUSE OF PEACE.

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8. I AND THE MEMBERS OF MY DELEGATION WERE IMPRESSED BY
THE DIGNITY AND STRENGTH OF EMOTION WHICH SURROUNDED
THE CEREMONIES THIS AFTERNOON. I BELIEVE THAT THE UNITED
STATES AND HUNGARY MAY BE PROUD THAT, BEFITTING THE
DIGNITY VESTED IN THE CROWN, IT DID NOT BECOME A POLITICAL
ISSUE BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES. IT WAS NATURAL AND FITTING
THAT WHEN OUR RELATIONS IMPROVED THE CROWN WOULD BE RETURNED
IN THE TYPE OF CEREMONY WORTHY OF THE EVENT, IN THE TYPE OF
CEREMONY WHICH WOULD CONFIRM THE TRADITIONAL FRIENDSHIP BETWEEN
THE AMERICAN AND HUNGARIAN PEOPLES.

9. MR. PRESIDENT, OUR TWO COUNTRIES HAVE BEFORE THEM
OPPORTUNITIES ON THE EUROPEAN CONTINENT AND WORLDWIDE. IN
THE CONTEXT OF THE FINAL ACT OF THE CONFERENCE ON SECURITY
AND COOPERATION IN EUROPE, WE HAVE BOTH PLEDGED OUR DEDICATION
TO A TRUE AND LASTING PEACE AND TO THE DEVELOPMENT OF BETTER
RELATIONS BETWEEN OURSELVES AND OTHER SIGNATORIES.

10. MANY OF THE GROWING NUMBER OF AMERICAN-HUNGARIAN EXCHANGES
HAVE TAKEN PLACE IN THE SPIRIT OF THE HELSINKI FINAL
ACT. OTHER ECONOMIC, CULTURAL AND HUMAN CONTACTS HAVE
FLOWED INDIRECTLY FROM HELSINKI OR HAVE BEEN FAVORABLY

INFLUENCED BY THAT HISTORIC MEETING. THE UNITED STATES
WILL CONTINUE TO DO ITS UTMOST TO FULFILL CONSTRUCTIVELY
THE PROMISE OF HELSINKI, IN ALL ITS ASPECTS.

11. MR. PRESIDENT, CSCE IS A PART OF THE WIDER PROCESS
OF DETENTE. LAST JULY IN CHARLESTON, SOUTH CAROLINA, PRESIDENT
CARTER AFFIRMED AMERICAN DETERMINATION TO
IMPROVE THE CLIMATE OF SOVIET-AMERICAN POLITICAL RELATIONS, TO
MOVE TOWARD EFFECTIVE DISARMAMENT AND TO OBTAIN LASTING
SOLUTIONS TO EAST-WEST DIFFERENCES. THE
PRESIDENT ONLY A FEW DAYS AGO DEMONSTRATED
HIS ACTIVE CONCERN WITH EAST-WEST ISSUES BY HIS VISIT TO
POLAND. OTHER AMERICAN REPRESENTATIVES ARE TACKLING SOME OF THESE
ISSUES IN NEGOTIATIONS ON SALT AND A
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WIDE RANGE OF DETENTE-RELATED SUBJECTS.

12. MR. PRESIDENT, I AM PERSONALLY GRATIFIED THAT I WAS
DESIGNATED BY PRESIDENT CARTER TO LEAD THE DELEGATION WHICH
HAS BROUGHT THE CROWN BACK TO HUNGARY. I AM PLEASED TO HAVE
THIS OPPORTUNITY TO MEET WITH THE LEADERS OF HUNGARY, TO
BECOME BETTER ACQUAINTED, IF ONLY FLEETINGLY, WITH THE
PEOPLE OF THIS COUNTRY, AND TO LEARN FIRSTHAND OF THE
ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF THE HUNGARIAN NATION.

13. MANY HEADS AND MANY HANDS HAVE BORN THE CROWN OF
ST. STEPHEN. THE UNITED STATES HAS SAFEGUARDED THE
CROWN AND BORN IT BACK TO HUNGARY IN THE KNOWLEDGE
THAT IT BELONGS TO THE HUNGARIAN PEOPLE AND THAT
IT REPRESENTS THE HUNGARIAN NATION. WE HAVE ALSO
BROUGHT IT IN THE HOPE AND EXPECTATION THAT HENCEFORTH
THE HUNGARIAN NATION MAY "WEAR" IT IN PROSPERTY, IN
HONOR, IN BROTHERHOOD, AND IN PEACE.

14. MR. PRESIDENT, I PROPOSE A TOAST TO YOUR HEALTH, TO
THE LEADERS AND REPRESENTATIVES OF THE HUNGARIAN PEOPLE
TO THE PEOPLE THEMSELVES AND TO THE CROWN OF SAINT STEPHEN.
MAY THE CROWN NEVER AGAIN LEAVE HUNGARIAN SOIL. END TEXT.
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